

WMIX - FM



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Patent No. 1376199

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

B.S.

Official No. 60

Date first licensed 9-18-47

Call letters WHIX - FM 3-25-47  
~~WMLX~~  
 LOCATION: MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS

W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR., TR/AS  
 WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ILLINOIS (ALH gr 8/28/75 EFF: 10/20/75)  
 x W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR. AND JAMES WITHERS ~~dn~~ WITHERS BROADCASTING  
 x COMPANY OF ILLINOIS (AL 4-13-73 EFF: 4-30-73)

Name of licensee XMT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

Transmitter location <sup>4</sup>  
~~5.25 miles north of Mt. Vernon, Highway #37, Illinois~~  
2.6 mi. Northwest of Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Main studio location 121 1/2 N. 9th Street  
X 119 North 9th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mos. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B4-PH-887	3-27-46	103.7	9.5 kw		
Letter	7-24-46	No. 279	Subject to Comm. approval of antenna details and transmitter site.		
B4-PH-887	9-18-46	103.7	9.5 kw.	U	By 11-18-46 To 5-18-47
issued C.P. for	new FM broadcast station				
Letter	9-10-46	STA to operated on 103.7 mcs using a GE BT-1A trans. with a max. output of 250w and a single bay Andrew turnstile ant. mounted on a 60ft. tower on top of bldg. at 121 N. 9th St., Mt. Vernon Ill. for purpose of providing an FM program serv. for a period beginning 9-15-46 to 12-13-46.			
Letter	12-4-46	EXT of STA to operate etc. period 12-14-46 to 3-13-47			
Telegram	1-21-47	MOD. of STA to operate on 103.7 mcs with GE 3 kw. FM trans. and single bay Andrew turnstile ant. mount on 60 ft. tower on top of bldg. at 121 N. 9th St. Mt. Vernon Ill. period 1-22-47 to 3-13-47 purpose providing FM program service.			
B4-MPH-154	12-24-46	103.7	9.5kw	U	By 11-18-46 To 5-18-47
Modified	CP to change type of transmitter.				
Telegram	3-20-47	STA to operate on 103.7 mcs with GE 3 kw FM trans. and single bay Andrew turnstile ant. mount on 60 ft. tower on top of bldg 121 N. 9th St. purpose FM program period 3-20-47 to 5-18-47			
Telegram	4-29-47	Retel 15. Frequency of 94.1 mcs. asgd for existing interim operation in lieu of 103.7 mcs. Notify Comm. when program service begins on new frequency.			
BMPH-308	5-8-47		13.7kw		Terr 550'
Letter	5-8-47	Subject to channel assignment after final action in Docket 6768.			

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B.S. CARD #3.  
Official No. 60

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... **WMLX-FM** .....

Name of licensee ..... **MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY** .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mos. Freq.	B.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BMPH-345 MOD. C.P. for ext. of time	5-5-47	103.7	9.5 kw.	U	By 11-18-46 To 8-18-47
Telegram	6-13-47	Retel 13. Authority granted period ending 8-18-47 operate 94.1 mos. using GE BT-3A trans. max. power 3 kw and single bay quadrupole ant. mounted 60' tower on top Building at 121 N. 9th St., for FM program service.			
Telegram	6-20-47	Retel Attorney. Auth. granted operate without approved frequency & modulation monitors ending 8-18-47. Responsibility maintenance frequency & modulation within required limits not waived.			
BMPH-308 Mod. C. P. for new FM broadcast station	5-8-47	94.1	13.7 kw	U	By 11-18-46 to 8-18-47
	6-23-47	94.1 (No. 231) Freq. assignment accord. Do 6758			
Dayletter	8-8-47	Relet city 5. Auth ext. 10-15-47 op. 94.1 using GE BT-3A tr. max. output 3kw & single sec. quadrupole ant. mounted on 60' tower on top bldg 121 N 9th St. prog. ser. Auth ext. same period op without sp. freq. & mod. monitors. Responsibility maintenance within required limits not waived.			
BMPH-535 Mod. for ext. of completion date.	7-29-47	94.1	13.7 kw	U	By 11-18-46 To 12-15-47
Telegram	8-23-47	Retel 26. Auth. op. in exact accord. CP period 11-24-47 re prog. ser.			
BMPH-530 MOD. C.P. change trans. site, ERP & changes in antenna system	8-7-47	94.1	15.2 kw.	U	By 11-18-46 To 12-15-47
BLh-80	9-18-47	Lic. to cover C.P. (B4-PA-887 as modified which auth. a new FM broadcast station. 94.1 15.2 U exp. 9-18-48			
BTC-651	9-8-48	Acquisition of control of licensee corp. from L.R. Tomlinson to Mrs. Eleanor R. Mitchell - 212 shares common 28.27%			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... WJTX-FM .....

Name of licensee ..... MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BRH-60	9-15-48	Renewal of License			To 3-1-49
BRH-60	2-24-49	Renewal of license			To 3-1-52
BRH-60	2-27-52	Renewal of license to			12-1-52
BRH-60	11-13-52	Renewal of license to			12-1-55
BALH-164	3-25-54	Vol. assign lic from Mt Vernon Radio and Television Company (Ill. Corp) to Mt. Vernon Radio Television Company (Dela. corp)			
BRCH-144	7-15-55	Remote Control Operation			
BRH-60	11-9-55	Renewal of license to			12-1-58 L
BSH-60	4-8-57	Mod. to change antenna obstruction markings to paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 13 and 21 of 715.			
BRH-60	11-21-58	94.1	15.2kw	U	12-1 12-1-61
BPH-2882	1-29-60	94.1mcs	50-kw	U	3-29 9-29-60
	HAAT:550'	Ch.231	TPO:9.9-kw		
	CP to install new transmitter and increase ERP.				
BLH-1571	6-28-60	License to cover construction permit (BPH-2882) which authorized increase in ERP and installation of a new transmitter.			
BPH-3533	10-16-61	94.1mc	50kw	Un	12-16 6-16-62
		CH 231	TPO 9.9kw	HAAT 550'	
	CP to chg. type trans.				
BRH-60	11-22-61	94.1	50kw	U	12-1 12-1-64
BLH-2012 (1)	3-9-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3533) which auth. the instl. of a new trans.			
BPH-4386	5-5-64	94.1mcs	ERP:50kw	Unl.	7-5-64
	HAAT:550'	Ch.#231	TPO:9.4kw		1-5-65
	CP to install new ant. (RCA BFA-6A, 6 secs.); make chgs. in ant. sys.; and decr. TPO. (Cond'1).				
BLH-2581 (2)	9-17-64	Lic to cover CP (BPH-4386) which auth chgs to TPO and ant-sys; and install new ant			
BRH-60	1-12-65	94.1mc	50 kilo	Unl.	1-12 12-1-67
BRH-60	11-24-67	Renewal of License & NDEA			12-1 12-1-70
BTC-6401	11-19-70	INVOL. TC			
BRH-60	1-12-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA			12-1-73

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W.M.I.X-FM

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Dy.	Period	
					From	To
BTC-6726	11-30-71	INVOL.	TC of positive control			
EBSA	5-25-72					
BTC-7062	4-13-73	VOL TC	EFF: 4-30-73			
BALH-1818	4-13-73	VOL ALH	EFF: 4-30-73			
BRH-60(L)	4-24-74	RENEWAL				12-1-76
BSCA-1,372	8-7-74	SCA	67 kHz			
BALH-2165	8/28/75	Vol AL	EFF: 10/20/75			
BASCA-700						
BRH-60(L)	11-15-76	Renewal of License				12-1-79
BRSCA-1372		SCA				
BRHCA & BRH 790801	YD (S)	RENEWALS				12-1-82

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING FM (METROPOLITAN)

WHIX-FM (3-25-47)

Call W.H.I.X.Letters WHIXName MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY  
(P.O. 218 South 9th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois)

File No.	Dated	121 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Ninth St., Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-FH-887	1-7-46	Construction permit for new FM broadcast station (Metropolitan)	Granted	3-27-46
Rec'd	1-23-46	Frequency: Channel #265, 100.9 mcs.	Met. type station -	
Filed	1-23-46	Coverage: 10,900 sq. mi.	Conditional - Type 1	
		Population: 595,453	letter mailed	3-29-46
		Studio: 119 North 9th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	Basic Engr. approved	
		Transmitter: 2.6 miles Northwest of Mt. Vernon, Illinois	7-11-46.	
		(RCA BTF-3B Max. 3kw)	Program plans approved	
		Filed by Lester Cohen, Attn'y.	7-11-46.	
		Program analysis rec'd. 4-19-46	C.P. issued	9-18-46
		Engr. info. rec'd. 8-20-46 re Comm. letter dated 7-24-46 making changes in antenna system.		

Andrew D. Ring, Engr.  
Washington, D.C.

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card #2

Call

Letters

W M I X - FM

Name MT. VERNON RADIO & TELEVISION COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-MPH-154 Rec'd Filed	11-4-46 11-7-46 11-7-46	Modification of C. P. (B4-PH-887 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change type of transmitter and for extension of commencement and completion dates from 11-18-46 and 5-18-47 respectively, to 30 days from date of grant and 60 days thereafter, respectively. (GE BT-3A Max. 3 kw) Filed by Lester Cohen, Attorney	GRANTED 12-24-46 (In part for ext. of time not granted)	
BMPH-308 Rec'd Filed	3-26-47 4-1-47 4-1-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-887 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change transmitter site to Highway 37, 5.25 miles north of Mt. Vernon, Illinois; effective radiated power to 13.7 kw; antenna height above average terrain to 546 feet; make changes in antenna system and change commencement and completion dates from 11-18-46 and 5-18-47 to 60 days from date of grant and 180 days thereafter, respectively. Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Attorney	GRANTED 5-8-47 subject to channel assignment after final action in Docket 6768. Letter written 5-8-47. CP issued in accordance with comp. date of BMPH-345.	

Form 94  
CARD #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (CLASS B)

Call  
Letters W M I X - FM

Name MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-345 Rec'd Filed	4-16-47 4-18-47 4-18-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-887 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 5-18-47 to 11-18-47.	GRANTED Comp. date See BMPH-308 for facilities - issued at later date.	5-5-47 8-18-47
BMPH-530 Rec'd filed	6-28-47 7-8-47 7-8-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-887 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change transmitter site to Highway 37, 4 mi. north of Mt. Vernon, Illinois; effective radiated power to 15.2 kw and make changes in antenna system. Filed by Lester Cohen, Attorney	GRANTED	8-7-47
BMPH-535 Rec'd Filed	7-3-47 7-9-47 7-9-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-887 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 8-18-47 to 2-18-48.	GRANTED in part	7-29-47 to 12-15-47
LETTER OF 8-11-52 LESTER COHEN NO LONGER ATTORNEY				

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #

Call

Letters WMIX-FMName MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-80 Rec'd Filed	8-27-47 8-29-47 8-29-47	License to cover C. P. (B4-PH-887 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Attorney	GRANTED	9-18-47
BTC-651 Rec'd Filed	6-1-48 6-15-48 6-15-48	Acquisition of control of licensee corporation from L. F. Tomlinson to Mrs. Eleanor R. Mitchell - 212 shares common 28.27 Filed by Lester Cohen, att'y.	GRANTED eff:	9-8-48 9-18-47
BRH-60 Rec'd Filed	7-7-48 7-9-48 7-9-48	Renewal of license Filed by Lester Cohen, att'y.	GRANTED	9-15-48
BRH-60 Rec'd Filed	12-24-48 12-28-48 12-28-48	Renewal of license. Filed by Lester Cohen, att'y	GRANTED	2-24-49
BRH-60 Rec'd. & Filed	11-29-51 12-3-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	2-27-52

Card #5

FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call  
Letters WMIX-FMName MT. VERNON RADIO & TELEVISION COMPANYRadio Station WMIX-FM 121 1/2 North 9th St., Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-60 Recd. & Filed	5-26-52 8-28-52	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-13-52
BALH-119 Recd & Filed	12-24-52 1-2-53	Vol. assignment to Mt. Vernon Radio & Television Company (A Delaware Corporation)	Info. requested 1-12-53 not submitted and appl. dismissed 5-15-53.	
BALH-164 Recd & Filed	2-25-54 3-1-54	Voluntary assignment of license from Mt. Vernon Radio and Television Company (Ill. corp) to Mt. Vernon Radio and Television Company (Del. corp)	GRANTED	3-25-54 EFF:
BRCH-144 Recd & filed	7-8-55 7-13-55	Operation by remote control from 121 1/2 N. 9th St. Mt. Vernon, <i>Illinois</i>	GRANTED	7-15-55.
BRH-60 Recd & filed	8-29-55 9-2-55	Renewal of license	<del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> GRANTED	11-9-55

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters WMIX-FMName MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY  
MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-60 Rec'd Filed	8-27-58 8-29-58 8-29-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-12-58
BPH-2882 R&F	12-4-59 12-14-59	CP to install newtrans. (Cates FM-1CA) & incr. ERP from 15.2kw to 50kw.  Lester Cohen, atty	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	1-29-60 550' 50-kw
BLH-1571 Rec'd Filed	4-1-60 4-14-60 4-14-60	License to cover construction permit (BPH-2882) which authorized increase in ERP and install- ation of a new transmitter.  Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. Howard T. Head, Engr.	GRANTED	6-28-60
BRH-60 R. & F.	9-1-61 9-7-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-22-61
BPH-3533 Rec'd&Filed	9-16-61 9-21-61	Construction permit to install a new transmitter(RCA, BTF-10D). Hogan and Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED	10-16-61 SP0 9.9kw

FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WMIX-FM

Name MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY  
Mt. Vernon, Ill.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-2012 R & F	11-24-61 11-27-61	License to cover C.P. (BPH-3533) which authorized the installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	3-9-62
BPH-4386 R & B	4-8-64 4-9-64	Construction permit to install new ant (HCA-BFA-6A, 6 sect), make chgs in ant-sys and decr TPO to 9.4kw.	GRANTED	5-5-64
BLH-2581 R&F	6-27-64 6-29-64	Lic to cover CP (BPH-4386) which auth install new ant, and chg ant-sys and TPO.	GRANTED	9-17-64
BRH-60 H&F	9-1-64 9-8-64.	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	1-12-65
BRH-60 Rec'd RESUB. R & F	9-1-67 9-5-67 9-30-67 10-2-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED 11-24	<del>Ret'd: 9-25-67</del> <del>Signed by Gen.</del> <del>right incomplete</del> 11-24-67

OCT 6 1967

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WMIX-FM

Name MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-60 R & F P.N. OCT 8 1970	8-19-70 9-2-70 9-2-70	Renewal of License  Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood (Hogan & Hartson) AMENDED 12-11-70 re: programming	GRANTED	1-12-71
BTC- 6401 R&F \$250 #639747 (316) 054 NOV 2 1970	10-21-70 10-27-70 10-27-70	Invol. acq. of pos. control of lic. corp. by John R. Mitchell thru appointment as Executor of the Estate of Eleanor R. Mitchell, Deceased. Atty: Corwin Lockwood	GRANTED	11-19-70
Annual fee (Combined Rates) See WMIX-AM.				
BTC-6726 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #020032 CODE 054 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM NOV 2 1971	11-9-71 11-15-71	Involuntary transfer of positive control of lic corp Bron John R. Mitchell, Executor of the Estate of Eleanor R. Mitchell (deceased), to John Page Wham, Successor Executor of the Estate of Eleanor R. Mitchell (deceased) (29.7%) and Ruby L. Miller, Executor of the Estate of John R. Miller (deceased) (38.8%) Atty - Hogan & Hartson P.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.	GRANTED	11-30-71

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

94.3mhz

Call  
Letters W M I X-FMName MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7062 # R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #114867 CODE 049 #114867 ALSO SEE AM FEB 1 1973	1-16-73 1-17-73	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Ruby L. Miller, Executor of the Estate of John R. Mitchell; John Page Wham, Successor Executor of the Estate of Eleanor R. Mitchell, et al (all stockholders) to Withers Broadcasting of Illinois, Inc.  Atty for transferor - Hogan & Hartson for transferee - Mallick & Bernton	GRANTED Req. Grant Fee \$ 12,000.00 (INCLUDE AM)	4-13-73
*AMENDMENT <del>1-16-73</del> Rec'd FILED MAR 23 1973	3-10-73 3-12-73 3-23-73	<del>AMENDED to change request from TC to Voluntary assignment of license to RUSSELL WITHERS, JR. and JAMES K. WITHERS, d/b WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ILLINOIS (NS+ FILE NO. ASSIGNED - BAH-1918)</del>	EFF: pd 063	5-11-73 W184348
AMENDMENT R&F PRESS BTC-7062 reassigned APR 13 1973	4-10-73 4-10-73	AMENDED to change request from AL to Vol. TC of lic. corp. from Ruby L. Miller, Executor of the Estate of John R. Mitchell, John Page Wham, Successor Executor of the Estate of Eleanor R. Mitchell, et al (All stockholders), c.c. - WASHINGTON, D. C. to W. Russell Withers, Jr. and James K. Withers, d/b as Withers Broadcasting of Illinois.		

95A - See ~~Am~~ WMIX-AM cond.

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Form BC-121  
September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR. AND JAMES WITHERS dba  
WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ILLINOISCall  
Letters W.M.I.X-FMName X MT. VERNON RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALH-1818 REF \$250 #172893 Code 054 (Form 316) Also See AM  APR 13 1973	4-8073 4-10-73 4-11-73	Vol. AL to W. Russell Withers, Jr. and James K. Withers d/b as Withers Broadcasting Company of Illinois. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton  Contingent on grant of BTC-7062	GRANTED   EFF:	4-13-73   4-30-73
BRH-60 R & F PN PRESS  26 SEP 1973	8-30-73 8-31-73 8-31-73	Renewal of License  Atty: Mallyck & Bernton	GRANTED	4-24-74
BSCA-1,372 R & F #324332 \$50 Code 057 Press  JUL 24 1974	6-28-74 7-10-74 7-11-74	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilohertz.  Atty: E. Theodore Mallyck (Mallyck & Bernton)	GRANTED	8-7-74

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W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR., TR/AS  
WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ILLINOIS

Call  
Letters W M I X-FM

Name xW. Russell Withers, Jr. and James Withers,  
xdba Withers Broadcasting Company of Illinois  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAIH-2165 BASCA-700 R & F SEE AM FOR FEE PAID (FORM 316) AUG 21 1975	7-15-75 8-7-75	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR., tr/as WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ILLINOIS  Atty - Mallyck & Bernton	GRANTED EFF: no fee req	8/23/75 10/20/75
BRH-60 BRSCA-1372 S & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-23-76 7-26-76 7-29-76 " SEP 27 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA  E.T.Mallyck, Atty.	Granted	11-15-76
BRH790801YD BRSCA790801YD PRESS OCT 3 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA  Atty. William P. Bernton (Glaser, Fletcher & Johnson) AMENDED 5-1-80 re: EEO	GRANTED	7-31-80

## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

